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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Implementation of the 2019-2023 e-Justice Action Plan
- Priorities and first steps

1. During the preparation of the 2019-2023 e-Justice Action Plan (the Action Plan), Member States were invited to rank projects according to their usefulness and potential. The results were analysed and led to the creation of a complementary list in the Action Plan, for projects deemed not advanced enough for immediate development.
2. In the end, 26 projects were included in the main list of the Action Plan. Not all projects are in a state to start immediately. In order to assess which projects were in a state to quickly start, a survey was launched by the General Secretariat of the Council on 17 January 2019, with a deadline for 30 January. The survey aimed at determining which projects could be launched quickly under the new Action Plan.
3. Member States are invited to comment on the results of the survey and the proposed course of action below.

I. Continuing projects

4. Continuing from the previous 2014-2018 e-Justice Action Plan, a number of projects will advance during the first semester of 2019. In particular, the following Expert groups have been provisionally planned:
 - on 28 February 2019: Expert group on judicial auctions,
 - on 28 March 2019: Expert group on e-CODEX, and
 - on 16 May 2019: Expert groups on e-CODEX and Videoconferencing.
5. As the projects were previously ongoing, the relevant Expert groups can immediately launch again.

II. Results of the GSC survey

6. As of 31 January 2019, 11:00, 11 Member States and the Commission responded to the survey.
7. In terms of expected participation, two projects were widely considered interesting: Anonymisation/pseudonymisation of Court decisions and Artificial Intelligence (8 mentions each). In addition, e-CODEX-related projects were also considered important (6 mentions each).
8. Concerning expected results, the replies to the survey were more diverse, however, three projects drew particular attention: Improvements to the e-Justice Portal, e-Payment of Court fees and eID 2.0 (7 mentions).
9. In terms of possible presentations of national solutions, several were made. The most widely offered presentations concerned Land Registers Interconnection and e-CODEX-related solutions, however, Member States have developed other technical solutions which could be demonstrated at a later date in other fields, such as voice recognition or eID.

III. Conclusions of the survey

10. Considering the widespread interest for these projects, work on Artificial Intelligence, along with Anonymisation/pseudonymisation of Court decisions, seem to be the most urgent to organise.
11. Work on the e-Justice Portal is ongoing and a proposal for improvements has already been made to Member States¹.
12. E-Payment and eID solutions seem to be important stepping stones for Member States. Member States are invited to assess how best to proceed on the issue. A comparative of different existing systems seems to be an appropriate first step, to determine which solution could best inspire respective national efforts. A concurrent study on respective need could also be of use in the development of solutions. The General Secretariat of the Council proposes to cooperate with the Commission and voluntary Member States to define the scope of a short questionnaire, addressing these aspects.

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Results of the GSC Survey

Member States	Interest in participating	Sought-for results	National versions
Romania	4, 9, 11, 24	1, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23	
Netherlands	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	1, 3, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23	
Italia	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26	15, 18, 24	
Germany	1,4,9,11,12,14,15,17,20,21,22,23	1 to 6, 8, 10 to 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26	21, 22, 23
Estonia	1, 2, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24	1, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19	2
Austria	All except 17		2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 20, 21, 22
France	9, 16	2, 3, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23	
Czechia	9, 20	1, 13, 14, 15	9 (at a later date)
Slovakia	7	6, 8, 22, 23	20
Malta	2, 8, 11, 18, 23	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26	
Croatia	2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 19 to 22, 24	2, 13, 19 to 22	15, 24
Poland		3, 4, 18, 21, 22, 24, R4, R5	
Commission	1 to 5, 7, 11 to 19, 21, 22, 23	1 to 4, 7, 11, 13, 17 to 19, 21 to 23	

- 1: Portal improvements
- 2: Land Registers Interconnection
- 3: Find a Bailiff
- 4: Criminal Court Database
- 5: Judicial Auctions
- 6: Eur-LEX
- 7: ECLI
- 8: ELI
- 9: Anonymisation/Pseudonymisation of Court decisions
- 10: Interlinking of legal data
- 11: Artificial Intelligence
- 12: ChatBot
- 13: Electronic payment of Court fees

Project numbers

- 14: Electronic proceedings in criminal cases
- 15: eID 2.0
- 16: iSupport
- 17: Find a Lawyer II
- 18: Blockchain for Justice
- 19: e-Payment for the e-Justice Portal
- 20: Videoconferencing
- 21: e-CODEX
- 22: e-CODEX for legal instruments
- 23: Backend harmonisation
- 24: Voice recognition
- 25: EuroVoc/LegiVoc
- 26: Common standards and interoperability